

Trinity Church Welcomes You

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beautiful are the works of God!

Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

Beautiful is the mind of God!

Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Beautiful is the heart of God!

Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

God made the heavens and the earth!

To God be the glory for the things God has done.

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***OPENING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4. “When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

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OPENING PRAYER

O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let Your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, Your people, call on You in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to Your name. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

God’s Word for God’s People

PSALM

Psalm 37: 1-9

(read responsively)

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

God's Word for God's People

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 17: 5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH #378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield
and portion be as long as life endures.

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived**

by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts, so that we do not deceive even ourselves, and exclude ourselves from your presence.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor resentment and fear. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Forgive us and show us how to walk in Your paths, through the mercy of our Saviour. Amen.

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WORD OF ASSURANCE

The Almighty and Merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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OFFERING

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

***OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OFFERING PRAYER

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and made us new creations in Christ. We offer ourselves and our gifts to your service, in Jesus, Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The table is spread. All are welcome to receive the good gifts of God for God's beloved. The Body & Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and loving God, You have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at Your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do Your Good News in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

***HYMN** *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS #2197

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. May Almighty God + Father, Son, and Spirit bless you with grace and mercy. **Amen.**

At last, O God, the sun's heat has given way to the cool evening.
Take, we pray, the heat out of our desires and our tempers,
and in this evening hour calm us,
that we may experience the peace and serenity which come from You.
At last, O God, the sun's brightness has given way
to the rich colors of the evening.
Prevent us, we pray, from being dazzled by the apparent brilliance
of human achievement.
And, in this evening hour, help us to rediscover the varied beauty of
Your Creation, and appreciate afresh, in the stillness, the value of Your
abiding presence.
For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.